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✓ On page 28, line 20, please delete "29" and insert therefor --27--.

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IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Please cancel claims 1-53 and add new claims 54-62 as follows:

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~~53--54.~~ (NEW) An apparatus for connecting to a portable device having an external wall provided with a specially designed generally rectangular slot having preselected dimensions, comprising:

a housing including a slot engagement member having a slot engaging portion provided with a locking member having a peripheral profile that fits within the preselected dimensions of the slot and thereby permits said locking member to extend into the slot, said slot engagement member being rotatable between an unlocked position wherein said locking member is removable from the slot, and a locked position wherein said locking member is retained within the slot; and

a pin, adapted to interlock said housing and to extend into the security slot proximate said slot engaging portion when said slot engagement member is in said locked position to thereby inhibit rotation of said slot engagement member to said unlocked position.

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55. (NEW) The apparatus of claim ⁵⁶~~54~~ wherein said pin includes a threaded portion adapted to thread to a complementary threaded portion in an aperture in said housing.

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56. (NEW) The apparatus of claim ⁵⁶~~54~~ wherein said pin extends a distance into the security slot greater than a wall thickness of the external wall.

A comb
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~~57~~. (NEW) The apparatus of claim ⁵⁶~~54~~ wherein a first side of said housing abuts the external wall, said housing includes a cavity and a second side opposite said first side that is open to access said cavity wherein said pin is insertable through said second side and into said cavity to interlock said first side and the security slot.

Pin
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58. (NEW) The apparatus of claim ⁵⁹~~57~~ wherein said pin includes a threaded portion adapted to thread to a complementary threaded portion in an aperture in said first side of said housing.

B/W
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59. (NEW) The apparatus of claim ⁵⁹~~57~~ wherein said housing includes opposing sidewalls orthogonal to said first side wherein said opposing sidewalls include apertures to permit an object to extend therethrough after insertion of said pin into the security slot to inhibit removal of said pin from the security slot.

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60. (NEW) The apparatus of claim ⁶¹~~59~~ wherein said object is a cable.

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61. (NEW) The apparatus of claim ⁵⁹~~57~~ further comprising a spindle adapted for insertion into said cavity, said spindle incorporating said pin at a first end such that insertion of said spindle into said cavity inserts said pin into the security slot through an aperture in said first side.

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62. (NEW) The apparatus of claim ⁶³~~61~~ wherein said housing includes opposing sidewalls orthogonal to said first side wherein said opposing sidewalls include apertures and a second end of said spindle includes a transverse aperture colinear with said apertures in said opposing sidewalls, said apertures and said transverse apertures permitting an object to extend therethrough after insertion of said pin into the security slot to inhibit removal of said pin from the security slot.